

Vermont Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Vermont alone, 8 freight railroads operate across 578 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Vermont freight railroads and their suppliers employed 403 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common rail imports to Vermont are petroleum and lumber and wood products.
- **Powering state economies.** Spending by Class I railroads in 2017 generated nearly \$220 billion in U.S. economic activity and \$26 billion in state and federal tax revenues, according to a Towson University study.
- **Preserving infrastructure, cutting congestion.** Freight railroads take 401,000 truckloads off Vermont roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.

